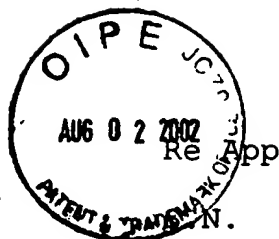


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Cancel claims 2 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter therein.

Please rewrite claims 1, 3-15, 19 and 21-33 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A cardiac pacing system for use with unipolar or bipolar atrial and ventricular pacing and sensing

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